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## Legion Restoring Sports Grounds For Future Events

The Legion boys are making great progress in repairing the old fair grounds.

The race track has been ploughed up and thoroughly worked over. Inside and outside the track post holes have been dug by hand. The posts set in the ground. The ground for a rosette has been laid out and the high fence posts have already been set in the ground. On the ground there is a big supply of posts and rails for the work. All the old fence posts have been taken down and are piled up off. Corrals are disappearing and the old grandstand has been flattened out to make the route all old boards go. The ball diamond had its first game and is ready for play on May 24 of this year. In fact the old place has really got a new look. The only thing that stands is the old race horse stables and the Legion lads figure that with a little fixing up it will come handy or this year's horse races.

A stampede might be staged this year if the Indians are agreeable to staging one instead of the one at North.

With the activity at the grounds and the new appearance of it lends one to think the old town may revive its old glories with great sport events. Perhaps all G.I. needs is a party of young Indians to start it off.

Horace Boggs is the main push on the grounds and judging by the interest of the rest of the Legion members he is getting things done.

It is just forty years ago that the first Legion meeting was held on May 24. Many race meets were held and on many an evening and sometimes during the day a race would take place in those days mostly nearly every evening. The last big Gleichen race was a week ago though he had a faster horse than the other fellow. A bet anywhere from \$50 to \$250 would be made. The whole town would adjourn to the race track to see the horses run. The last big race until about the middle of the race was when every body started getting rid of their nags and bought Fords.

To put the grounds in first class condition the Legion figures that it will cost between \$800 and \$1000. That is why they are asking for donations.

For extra expenses for truck service, posts, nail poles, etc have amounted to \$287.71.

The following donations have made:

A. Quenell \$25; Fiddis & Bahr \$10; Central Motors \$25; A. Gilbert \$1; Ken Williams \$10; Bob Bahr \$10; Tom Bates \$10; Murray \$10; Mr. \$10; Frank Michael \$5; Pete Dosey \$15; Texaco Service Station \$5; Canada Cafe \$5; H. Hurd \$15; A. MacCallum \$10; Gleichen Cafe \$5; W. D. Huff \$10; Tom Haughton \$5; Bert Scott \$10; Tom Scott \$10; Oskar \$10; Bob Anderson \$10; Pettie & Murdoch \$10; T. H. Beach \$5; Tom and Jack Burne \$20.

A. F. Wilson \$15; J. Hucheson \$10; G Hall \$15; J. Robinson \$1; Nels \$10; Bob Anderson \$10; Sam Simmons \$10; D. Yule \$5; C. Roosbech \$10; O. Desjardins \$10; R. Konschuk \$10; C. Nelson \$5.

## Seed Growers Note

Last season a number of prospective seed growers were disappointed because they did not receive Crop Registration Certificates to cover crops that had been planted with pedigree seed. In most cases—where the crop itself proved suitable—the result was that the grower had not applied for membership in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association early enough.

All seed growers who are members of the Association should apply for membership prior to July 1st. This applies to those who wish their crop inspected. This applies to growers who did not receive a Crop Registration Certificate on a crop in 1948. Those who did not receive a certificate are members in good standing of the Association and need not apply again. Application forms for membership in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association now accompany application forms for crop inspection of certified crops. Membership in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association is not required for production of car-



These bright eyed youngsters are listening intently to what CBC Producer McDonald has to say about a script for the Vancouver children's drama series Magic Adventures, Tuesdays, CRX 440 p.m.

filled crops.

Growers who desire to have crops inspected must apply for such service prior to July 1st. This is in order that the inspection work can be done during the best advantage.

Application forms will be sent to growers on request if they apply to Plant Production Services, Immigration Building, Calgary.

All growers are urged to request this service as soon as possible. New growers are advised also to ask for information regarding the production and taxation of crops for registration or certification.

## Do You Remember 20 And 40 Years Ago

Peter MacLean and Master Hector came down from Calgary Saturday to spend the weekend.

Elmer Bolinger who is attending school in Calgary visited his parents at Gleichen Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Gagnon and family of Cluny are now located at Falher, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neill's little child is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Lorna Coocoran who has been ill for about a month is now fast recovering.

Mrs. W. McConnell has returned home to Gleichen and is recovering nicely from her recent surgical operation.

Orland Lyon is now issues of marriage license and thinks there is an opening in town for a store that carries Bibles.

J. W. Scott is making good pro-

gress in building the new forty foot addition to the Masonic Hall which will house the rooms of the 22nd Bat-

tery.

J. James, former mayor of Gleichen spent Friday night in town attending the hockey boys banquet.

O. Desjardins has been busy shopping this week.

Monday Chief Jack Lester assisted

Dan H. Hargreaves in establishing the old

smoke stack at the water tower and is now busy cleaning up the

bricks with a view to moving the tovn office building to Crawford Street and bricking it.

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

Surveyor Hugues has completed the survey of the Agricultural Association's grounds on the race track and J. K. Koenig has a shirt with his steers prints to break the soil.

In a few days McDonald & Addy will follow this up with a grader and in a very short time the race track will be in racing condition.

Tom Notter has decided to go back east to Toronto and enter into business.

T. Henderson is busy this week excavating a cellar on Gleichen street, where he will erect a residence for himself.

Mrs. Congreve and family have moved out to her homestead in the famous Queenstown district.

R. H. Hoge is preparing to build on the adjacent property west of the Canadian Pacific tracks.

Gleichen polo players are rapidly gaining in numbers and some exceptionally good players have turned up at practice.

Strathmore played football here

Fri. This is to score Gleichen players: Renfie, Randall, J. Hughes,

Goodacre, Hindle, S. Adams, Sam

Moss, T. Fisher, E. Wagstaff, Geo

Moss and Maisey.

Don Gaylord (centre), aged fifteen, and Carolyn Lawrence, eleven, play Dicky and Betsy. Bobby (left), aged twelve, is an old hand in radio too. All three have also been heard in the CBC's Vancouver drama series.

## Ladies Auxiliary Regular Meeting

The postponed meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion will be held Saturday, May 21st at the Legion hall. Guests invited are the president, Mrs. R. Oliver, providing Plans for a social tea and home cooking were completed and will be held Saturday, May 21st at the Legion hall. As always, the Legion hall is the scene of a thousand hours of development and there is still room for further development.

But to admit that there is still room for development is not to say that the Legion is static. It would be very foolish to throw away the fruits of a thousand years of hard-earned experience for the rosy shadows of the collectivist dream. Such development must come within the framework of that experience; within the framework of democratic free enterprise.

have a number of men and women who have chosen the democratic system of free enterprise as the whipping post for their own failures, frustrations, and disappointments. Most of these people just hate to admit that their fault is that they can't get what they want; it is in the fault of the system and if only the system were changed, then they would be happy and success would be theirs. Not all collectivists fall into this category. Some of them are cynical adventurers caring nothing for right and wrong and concerned only with power and control over others. Some do their best to encourage their followers to blame democracy for their own shortcomings. Still others are sincerely troubled about the defects in our system. They have done well in pointing out what isn't right, but they don't seem to know anything else. Consequently, to their closed judgment, almost anything would be better than what we have.

The democratic system of free enterprise has given us an environment of the highest standards of living ever known—high not only for top levels, but generally for all levels. It has its defects, just as any man-made system has. As a result of the long day's work of a thousand hours of development, and there is still room for further development.

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Security: "Pension when I retire."  
Future: "I'm learning a trade—with pay."  
I want a lot. And in the Army I'm  
getting just that."

For a life of comradeship and security

Join the Canadian Army Active Force NOW!

In 1948 the value of Canada's field crops set an all time record of \$1,500,000,000. There are 1025 mills in Canada are in Ontario and Quebec.

more Auxiliary inviting them to be guest of the Gleichen Auxiliary on June 9th.

After the march of dimes a social hour was enjoyed over the tea cups.

## The United Church

At the United Church services at Arrowwood, Cluny and Gleichen will be held on June 11th. Rev. Morrison of Airdrie will be guest preacher and on May 29th, Conference Sunday, the pulpits will be occupied by Major Parkinson of the Evanson Hospital.

The Young People's Union meetings after Sunday, May 29th, will be discontinued until the fall. The meeting on Christian Citizenship on May 22nd will be at the Kleup home and that on Christian Culture, on May 29th, at the Cameron home, CPR station.

Carry car registrations this year

is expected to reach a new high level. Official figures issued show 95,000 new licences have been issued since April 1st, for the 1948-50 license year. This is an increase of 6,500 over the period of 1947-48 and the whole of the 1948-49 license year which ended March 31, last, 114,000 licences were issued. The number increased by more than 2,000 in the last month of the license year.

The motor vehicle department said that will be heavier buying of new model passenger cars, provincial officials are confident that all records will be exceeded.

## Faults And Findings

It is a very human failing to hate what is wrong and usually when it is confined within reasonable limits, it doesn't do any great harm. It is a failing though, which can easily get out of hand and when it does it gets out of control.

People, individuals, sometimes find it easier to blame the other fellow when things go wrong, so groups and even nations will often pit the responsible against the irresponsible, which they have brought upon themselves. And it doesn't seem to matter how ridiculous the connection they invent between the misfortune and its supposed cause. Hitler's Germans were responsible for the holocaust, we are in unlikely rage against the Jews as

the authors of German troubles after the first world war. There was no logical reason why they should have chosen the Jews to blame.

It was understandable that they had to get rid of the blame themselves and the Jews were conveniently at hand and they were a defenceless minority.

Similarly, in the world today we

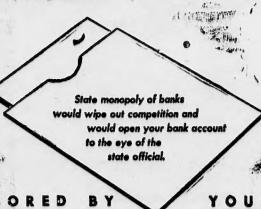
if  
every man  
were his own bank...

SUPPOSE you had to cart cash around to pay your bills. Pretty risky business. Hard on shoe leather, too.

You don't do it that way, of course. Like everybody else with a bank account—there are seven million of them—you simply get out your pen, write cheques and leave all the bookkeeping to your bank. That's the modern way... easy, simple, safe.

Handling and recording your chequing transactions is an important job. Your bank must do it right—or a competing bank will. You'll see to that!

Suppose there were no competition... Could you expect the same efficiency, courtesy, eagerness to earn your goodwill?



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## The 1949 Crop

**WORK ON THE LAND** has now been going on for some time and the country is looking forward to the results of all the hard work. Each year there are the uncertainties of weather, insects, plant diseases, prices and the many other unpredictable factors which play a part in determining the success of the crop, and the financial return which the farmer receives for his year's work. Canadian farmers have been passing through a period of prosperity, during which there have been good crops and a heavy world demand for agricultural products, at high price levels. Last year, the value of agricultural products in Canada was placed at \$2,500,000,000 which was fourteen per cent of the total of all the goods produced in Canada.

### Believed To Be A Record

This was believed to be a record for agricultural production, but it was emphasized that this percentage was based on monetary value, not on volume of goods, and was an indication of the rise in price levels for farm products. Last year about forty million acres of land in Western Canada were sown to wheat, and the total production was 100 million bushels put into wheat. This year it is expected that twenty-seven million acres of wheat will be sown. The heavier acreage is believed to have been encouraged by the increase of twenty cents a bushel in the basic price of wheat. In spite of the fact that about seventeen per cent more wheat is expected to be sown this year than in 1948, there is some doubt as to the likelihood of there being a high yield because of a severe lack of moisture in many districts and because of the threat of a plague of grasshoppers.

**No Certainty As To Outcome**

Both of these factors to this year's crop may be overcome if suitable weather conditions allow a good harvest, but these and other factors now threaten the success of the harvest. From the acreage shown, it appears that at present most farmers are inclined to decrease the amount of land to be put into wheat. In the United States likewise more wheat is reported to be sown than in any year in that country's history. There is still great need ahead for food supplies from this continent and it is to be hoped that the crops sown this year will yield a good harvest, both in the interests of the farmers and of those who depend on the wheat produced here for vital food supplies.

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### Goods Manufactured In Manitoba In 1948 Exceed \$450,000,000

**WINNIPEG**—Goods manufactured in 1948 amounted to \$450,000,000 in value, up five percent from an estimated 41,000 persons. These facts were revealed by Hon. John S. McDonald, minister of mines and natural resources, in review for 1948 of the bureau of industry and commerce and travel and publishing.

The minister tabled special copies of his report at a meeting of the Mid-Continental Council of Industrial Associations and contractors in session at the legislative building.

Sixty-five new industries began operation in the province during 1948 as compared with 53 in 1947, according to the report. This, the statesman makes a total of 200 new industries sprung up in Manitoba since 1946.

The earliest record of an "April Fools Day" was in England in 1713.

**IRRIGATION PROJECT**—Water spells security on the Western plains and these control gates on the Oldman River in the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation Project are a pleasing sight to farmers who benefit from the water.

### FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"It says here in the newspaper," said the old gentleman, "that a man in New York every half hour."

"Never met!" said the old lady.

"The poor fellow?"

"Well, Sambo," said the judge, "you and your wife have been fighting again. Liquor, I suppose."

"No, sir," said Sambo; "he kicked me this morning."

"I'll be damned!"

Flibberty: "Arthur hasn't been out one night for three weeks."

Gilbert: "Has he turned over a new leaf?"

Flibberty: "Nope, Turned over his dad's new cat."

Leary's wife woke in the middle of the night to hear her husband creeping about the house.

"What might you be looking for, darlin'?" she called out.

"Just nothing," called back O'Leary.

"Oh?" said his wife cheerfully.

"They'll find it in the bottle where the whiskey used to be!"

Teacher, after a lesson about safety rules, asked the children, "As we walk out on a cold winter day, what do we see around us? What do we see on every hand?"

Quick Kid: "Gloves."

The court was silent except for the clear tones of defending counsel. Everyone hung on his words, and when he was finished, he would hit his case easily.

"And now, gentlemen, of the jury, as he began to walk up, 'I don't know where the killer or anyone has hidden the watch? Not in his pocket. The sensible place to hide it is in the hat. The man was searched. Not in his shoes—the watch was too large. Then where did it hide?"

"I think it's in under my hat," said the man in the dock.

The Burundian Conference was at lunch, and a discussion had arisen as to the duties of the laity in country parishes.

"The members of the lay-women," said an authoritative voice, "must be definitely organized."

"What is a laywoman, precisely?" someone asked.

The Rural Dean's 13-year-old daughter broke a long silence: "A hen!"

The Physics teacher was talking about deflation. "Miss Jones," he said, "would you be good enough to tell the class what happens when a body is placed in water?"

"Cer-tainly," said Miss Jones, the most popular girl in the school. "The telephone rings."

TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO PREVENT SOIL DRIFTING

**SASKATOON**—Saskatchewan farmers were urged to take all possible action to prevent soil drifting. Dr. D. C. Mitchell, head of the soil department of the University of Saskatchewan, said permanent damage might be done to the soil, if drifts, even though small, appeared on the fields.

He advised farmers to plow drift-prone areas showing signs of drifting or spread them with straw or manure.

The whole of Finland was annexed by Russia in 1809. 2827

### Great Slave Lake Fish Catch Increase

**EDMONTON**—Canadians and Americans enjoyed more white fish last year than ever before.

Total output from Great Slave Lake quadrupled that of last season, thanks to the bumper crop of 1948.

Over 100 boys from southern Saskatchewan are expected to attend.

Air limit is from 18 to 38 years, and registration fees are \$4 per boy, to take care of everything.

### Agricultural Society Sponsoring Farm Camp

**SWIFT CURRENT**—Swift Current agricultural society will sponsor a farm boy camp July 11 to 15 inclusive, at the fair grounds.

About 100 boys from southern Saskatchewan are expected to attend.

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### Americans Spent \$13,000,000 In Manitoba In 1948

**WINNIPEG**—Conservation, improved accommodation and preservation of historical sites are essential to the industrial development of Manitoba's tourist industry, R. H. Gross, provincial government director of industry and commerce, told the Sales and Advertising club at a recent meeting.

Americans spent nearly \$13,000,000 in Manitoba last year, Mr. Gross said. About 75 per cent of them came from the United States, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin and the Dakotas.

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## Canadian Army--Insurance For Peace YOUNG MEN JOIN THE RESERVE ARMY NOW

During the thirties Major Bob Dodson piloted the unit through thorough training and difficult times. A fine recreation room, card tables, billiard table, radio, shower and gymnasium made the armouries a focal point of young chaps existence.

Mobilization in June 1940 placed the unit on active service and the 2nd 22 carried the torch at home. The splendid records of the individual soldiers who had received their training in the Battery, the fighting record of the 22nd through the campaigns of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, were possibly only through the training received at the Gleichen Armouries.

Commanded by Major Gooderham the 2nd 22 was a large and active unit providing reinforcements for the counterpart overseas. Training proceeded and progressed during a trying and thankless period until the war ended.

The Canadian Army reorganized and the Gleichen Field Battery became the 122 Light Anti Aircraft Battery. Still in the process of reorganizing the reserve army needs more men.

### BOW VALLEY PLANS NEW SCHOOL

A new four room school for Heslar is being planned by the Bow Valley School Division. Third reading was given to a by-law authorizing the Board, at its next regular meeting, to make application to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners to borrow money for the purpose of erecting the new school. The Board has found it necessary to take action in view of the obvious and worn-out condition of the present building. It is hoped that construction may begin this summer or early fall.

Additional classroom space is also to be provided in Arrowwood as from September 1st. This is due to the number of students in the area due to the opening of the new school to offer Grade XII instruction in Arrowwood—an extra teacher will be engaged for this purpose. Provided a suitable teacher can be obtained, the quality is to be maintained in home economics.

The board also decided at its last meeting to purchase a house in Arrowwood in order to have suitable accommodation may be available for the teaching staff in this centre.

A new salary schedule has been agreed to which provides for a minimum of \$1500 qualifications at \$50 per month increase, and increments at \$100 a year.

To further make it possible to obtain, more readily, suitably qualified teachers, the board of education has decided, in conjunction with the department of education, to offer bursaries valued at \$300 each to high school graduates who will take the one year teacher training course and undertake to teach for a period of two years in the Bow Valley School Division.

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### HERE AND THERE

### Too Many Subjects

Mrs. W. McConnell, who has been living in Calgary for some months has moved to Heslar, B.C.

Johnnie Gutstrath who is with the Department of Public Works is now located at Heslar, Alberta, north of Edmonton. Johnnie joined the road gang last year and evidently likes the work.

Next Tuesday is Empire Day and, sport day here.

Gleichen played baseball at Strathmore and won but lost walloped. Some told us the score was 20-0 Wheats!

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Woods and daughter Frances, accompanied by Scotty of Glengarry, spent Monday taking in the sights of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McMillan spent Sunday at Crowsnest, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sammons

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Those who are not taught to them have faults and mistakes, but at least it turned out graduates competent in the basic subjects that really matter. That unfortunately, is not always the case of the school that has succeeded in getting a student to pass with flying colors, but finds easily he is not with the teacher nor with the pupils, but with the educational authorities who now demand instruction in such a host of subjects that it is impossible to spare sufficient time to devote to the ordinary branches of instruction that are essential.

Now much has been done in the past few years to improve conditions, but far more can be done in the future, but these or any organization will fall if its purpose if it does not have the backing of those for whom it is working.

Now, those people who have been interested enough to have read this far, should be interested enough to consider co-operation with those they are trying to help, and often do so because the project on undertaking has not had sufficient funds by which to bring it to completion.

You can help this cause be accepted by the Legion secretary, Mr. J. Henshaw or if you are in town drop in and see Mr. Harry Bogart. A receipt for income tax purposes, re your charitable contribution will be given for your kind help.

Respectfully yours,  
Alberta Legion, B.E.S.L. Gleichen Branch.

### Sport Lovers Chance

To Sport Lovers of Gleichen and District:

We wish to draw attention to the fact that the Canadian Legion organzation being a public spirited body having a large number of grounds situated just north of town for the purpose of staging stampedes and rice meets, also for all other types of sports of an outdoor nature. This has been done with a spirit of preserving the old stampede, open air grounds which have been on the wane in this district. Some of the old timers will no doubt remember the sport that was afforded and conducted on these grounds and it is popular belief that we should get together and put Gleichen back on the sports list where it was fifteen years ago.

Requests that this be done has come to us from many individuals and organizations, and with the combined co-operation from our local board of trade and the willing efforts of the Legion members, there is no reason in the world why we cannot achieve this.

As usual, this being a public endeavor, it also assumes a public expense, in order to put the grounds in shape for racing etc., it will cost more than is available from existing funds, but a great deal can be done and good many others about the quality of those leaving the schools.

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New amendments to the Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act passed at the last session of the legislature of Alberta tightened the regulations on driver's licenses. One provides that a driver's license is suspended if he has exceeded the limit of the school term for which he is licensed twice within a period of 12 months. Before such license is suspended, the driver in the opinion of the minister must be given notice of the accident which resulted in bodily injury or death of any person or damage to property in excess of \$100. The act also says the minister shall suspend a driver's license for one year for any amount of time such as driving a chauffeur who has failed guilty of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, contrary to the provisions

of the criminal code. The act provides that the magistrate making such convictions shall forward the license of such car driver or chauffeur to the provincial secretary whose action will be decided. The act also provides that no person under the age of 18 years shall drive any scoter or power bicycile unless its motor is governed so that it is unable to travel a speed in excess of 20 miles an hour.

The teaching staffs of day schools under provincial control in Canada consist of about 75,000 teachers. Only slightly more than one-fifth of them are men.

In 1853 it took 60 hours in the field to raise a bushel of wheat. A century later machines were being helped to do the same job for a total of two hours' field work.

### MISCELLANEOUS ADS.

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